

(d) If the board of trustees of a district or the governing body of a school obtains accident, liability, or automobile insurance coverage under this section, an administrator designated by the board of trustees of the district or governing body of the school, as applicable, shall notify the parent or guardian of each student participating in the career and technology program.

(e) A district or school may not directly or indirectly charge a student or the student's parent or guardian for the cost of providing to the student insurance under this section.

(f) The failure of any board of trustees of a district or the governing body of a school to obtain coverage authorized by this section or to obtain a specific amount of coverage under this section may not be construed as placing any legal liability on, as applicable, the district or the district's officers, agents, or employees or the school or the school's officers, agents, or employees.

Sec. 29.192. IMMUNITY FROM LIABILITY. A student who participates in a career and technology program approved by a school district or an open-enrollment charter school is entitled to immunity in the same manner provided under Section 22.053 as a volunteer who is serving as a direct service volunteer of a district or school.

SECTION 2. Section 29.187(f), Education Code, is repealed.

SECTION 3. This Act applies beginning with the 2017–2018 school year.

SECTION 4. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on May 6, 2017: Yeas 138, Nays 0, 3 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 19, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

Approved May 26, 2017.

Effective May 26, 2017.

ESTABLISHMENT BY THE STATE BOARD OF EDUCATION OF AN ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS

CHAPTER 123

H.B. No. 728

AN ACT

relating to the establishment by the State Board of Education of an advanced computer science program for high school students.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Subchapter A, Chapter 28, Education Code, is amended by adding Section 28.018 to read as follows:

Sec. 28.018. ADVANCED COMPUTER SCIENCE PROGRAM. (a) *The State Board of Education by rule shall develop and implement a program under which:*

(1) *students in participating school districts may comply with the curriculum requirements for an advanced mathematics credit under Section 28.025(b–1)(2) or an advanced science credit under Section 28.025(b–1)(3) by successfully completing an advanced computer science course; and*

(2) *participating school districts implement rigorous standards, as developed by the State Board of Education, for advanced computer science courses that are focused on the creation and use of software and computing technologies.*

(b) *The commissioner shall adopt rules as necessary to administer this section.*

SECTION 2. The State Board of Education shall establish the program under Section 28.018, Education Code, as added by this Act, not later than September 1, 2018, for implementation during the 2018–2019 school year.

SECTION 3. This Act takes effect immediately if it receives a vote of two-thirds of all the members elected to each house, as provided by Section 39, Article III, Texas Constitution. If this Act does not receive the vote necessary for immediate effect, this Act takes effect September 1, 2017.

Passed by the House on April 20, 2017: Yeas 144, Nays 0, 1 present, not voting; passed by the Senate on May 15, 2017: Yeas 31, Nays 0.

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**PROHIBITING CERTAIN ESTABLISHMENTS SERVING THE
PUBLIC FROM RESTRICTING A PEACE OFFICER OR
SPECIAL INVESTIGATOR FROM CARRYING A WEAPON ON
THE PREMISES**

CHAPTER 124

H.B. No. 873

AN ACT

relating to prohibiting certain establishments serving the public from restricting a peace officer or special investigator from carrying a weapon on the premises.

Be it enacted by the Legislature of the State of Texas:

SECTION 1. Chapter 2, Code of Criminal Procedure, is amended by adding Article 2.1305 to read as follows:

Art. 2.1305. CARRYING WEAPON ON CERTAIN PREMISES. (a) An establishment serving the public may not prohibit or otherwise restrict a peace officer or special investigator from carrying on the establishment's premises a weapon that the peace officer or special investigator is otherwise authorized to carry, regardless of whether the peace officer or special investigator is engaged in the actual discharge of the officer's or investigator's duties while carrying the weapon.

(b) For purposes of this article:

(1) "Establishment serving the public" means:

(A) a hotel, motel, or other place of lodging;

(B) a restaurant or other place where food is offered for sale to the public;

(C) a retail business or other commercial establishment or an office building to which the general public is invited;

(D) a sports venue; and

(E) any other place of public accommodation, amusement, convenience, or resort to which the general public or any classification of persons from the general public is regularly, normally, or customarily invited.

(2) "Sports venue" means an arena, coliseum, stadium, or other type of area or facility that is primarily used or is planned for primary use for one or more professional or amateur sports or athletics events and for which a fee is charged or is planned to be charged for admission to the sports or athletics events, other than occasional civic, charitable, or promotional events.

SECTION 2. The change in law made by this Act applies only to conduct that occurs on or after the effective date of this Act. Conduct that occurs before the effective date of